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on strong stems, color clear pink, shaded orchid with a deeper center. Grand champion at Karoonda Show. A fine strong plant that we liked very much.	.75	and burnt orange towards the center, a free bloomer and good grower. Flowers 10 by 7 inches. Buds appear to be a purple cast.	.70
ALICE MAY (I. D.) Bloom 12x8. This pure waxy white flower is rightly called a "White Lord of Autumn." This tremendous bloom is beautifully formed	.75	HUNT'S VELVET WONDER (I. D.) Has the distinction of receiving a special award of merit at the New York Show. It is an excellent keeper for so huge a flower. Color is rich, bright	
BESS SMITH (I. D.) Bloom 10x6, bush 5 ft. Pure white. Its petals are wavy. Stems 15 inches long, and very strong, holding flowers on side. It is an excellent keeper when cut. Considered by many the best white	1.00	indian Giant (Emmons) (I. D.)—1943. Color tan or apri-	
BLUE RIVER (F. D.). Color as near to a blue Dahlia as we have ever seen		cot, blooms many; 12 inches by 4 inches in depth. Short strong growing bush. Scored 85-E at East Lansing, 1941, and on the Honor Roll, 1942	.75
CARL G. DAHL (I. D.) Color emberglow with golden sheen and a sweet brier reverse. Healthy bush; height about 5½ feet; insect resistant; blooms from early summer till frost; blooms 11 to 14 inches; a Dahlia to make you proud of your	75	JANE LAUSCHE (S. C.) Bloom 10x5, bush 5-6 ft. An outstanding bi-color in a new color combination of soft mallow purple with white tips. Winner of many Achievement Medals. Rooted Cuttings .65; Roots	1.25
CALIFORNIA IDOL (I. D.) The best yellow dahlia introduced in 1935. Huge blooms on the best of stems. Winner of many	.75	JANE COWL (Downs) (I. D.) An immense flower of buff; produced on long stiff stems. Won several medalsRoot	.50
prizes during the past season and surely a winner again *his season in the giant bloom classesRoot	.75	JEAN TRIMBEE (Trimbee) (S. C.) New large, long petaled, thick flower of Petunia violet. Tall strong grower. Good stems. (H. R.)	.75
CAROLINA MAID (1. D.) Mr. J. W. Johnston describes this one as, outer petals deep rose with salmon suffusion; the center is lemon yellow with deep rose tipping. Very large blooms on good strong stems. Plants about five feet high. On the House Beautiful Honor Roll and winner of a Certificate of Merit		JERSEY'S BEAUTY (F. D.) Bloom 6x4, bush 6½ ft. Probably the most popular of any dahlia, especially as a cut flower. The ideal pink for exhibition or florist use	
scoring 86 at East Lansing, Mich. Very fine in 1946Roots CHEROKEE BRAVE (1. D.). Ox-blood red. Large deep flowers. Rooted Cuttings		JERSEY'S DAINTY Straight cactus. A lovely and very satisfactory Dahlia, white with a faint over-tone of pink. At times some of the flowers were pure white. The stem is fine, and it	
CLASS (F. D.) One of the largest sulphur yellow formal decorative dahlias to date. Grown up to 15 inches, petals fall back toward stem when fully out. Strong, straight stems hold flowers directly on top. Bush rugged		is a profuse bloomer	
COMMANDO (F. D., 1943) Golden Rule. A clear shade of lavender or true phlox purple and very bright. Large clean flowers from 10 to 14 inches and held on long stiff stems		KELVIN (Australian) (I. D.) The color of the flowers is deep peach pink with very large blooms and is a fine new introduction. One of the top winners in 1947 shows. Roots \$1.50; Rooted Cuttings	
COMMODORE (D). Very large canary yellow. One of the largest. A good grower worth much more than the price charged.		KING OF THE BLACKS (D.) Positively the best black- red on the market today, bar none. Fine form, free blooming on long stems.	
CORNELL (D.) Purple and White, along the order of Lois Welcher, only much larger. To those who like bi-colors, do not miss this one		LIDICE (I. D.) Bloom 13x8, bush 6½ ft. A delicate cream yellow, shading to lemon yellow toward the center. It won the highest award given a seedling dahlia, at New York in	
DADDY KEMP (Dec.) Mighty large Reddish Purple. Back with us again after several years, easily grown to 14 inches. A sensation in the garden, strong growerRoots		1942. It is an exceedingly fine grower. The long, strong stems hold the giant blooms high out of the foliage. Rooted Cuttings .50; Root	
DR. TAYLOR (F. D.) 10x6 in. Scarlet red. Makes a good cut- flower in spite of size. Bloom on good stems, is almost ball shaped. Bush 4 ft., well branched and a rugged grower. Root		LOIS WALCHER (I. D.) Bloom 8x4, bush 5 ft. The color is a deep amaranth to pansy purple, with the outer one-third of petals a clear white. Stems are ideal, carrying the flower facing and well above the foliageRooted Cuttings 60; Root	
DWIGHT W. MORROW (I. D.) Bloom 12x6, bush 5½ ft. The gigantic red dahlia that was the sensation of the year in our garden		MARGARET W. WILSON (Sanhican 84A) Bloom 9x4, Bush 4½ ft. Creamy white with phlox pink shadings and on reverse. Profuse	
Mrs. I. D. Ver Warner, a very good grower and blooms large	.25	MAFFIE Bloom 12x6, bush 6 ft. Intense carmine of stupendous size. The tremendous size of this dahlia puts considerable strain on the stem. Bush growth is very rugged and foliage	
FLASH (Cac.) Crimson red, tipped pure white. The petals are serrated and they curl and twist, further enhancing this beautiful Dahlia. We recommend it for the medium-sized bloom classes. The bush grows from 5 to 7 feet high, is an early and continuous bloomer and very prolific. Besides the blooms are wonderful keepers. We are large growers of this novelty dahlia		exceptionally heavy	

MARSHALL'S PINK (F. D.) A very fine pink with rose center. Fine for cutting.		SPRINGFIELD (Cactus) A red sport of Countess of Lonsdale, low growing, a wonder for cutting; free bloomingRoots	.50
MICHIGAN WHITE (S. C.) One of the very best of the white cut-flower dahlias. The well formed flowers seem to "pop" out over night on long, strong stems. Substance of the flower is excellent, the flower keeping well when cut. Blooms are of medium size		THE CARDINAL (S. C.) A beautiful spectrum red, one of the outstanding varieties of the year. Achievement medal winner and many other awards. 10 to 12 inch blooms on good stems. Rooted Cuttings	1.75
MISS SAN DIEGO (I.C.) Incurved lascinated cactus. Lemon	.15	THE FIREMAN (D.) Bright Red, tall grower, one of the best for the home garden. Very prolific	.70
yellow, outer half of bloom tyrian pink. Blooms 9x7 on long straight stems. Honor Roll dahlia and winner of Certificates of Merit. Won A.D.S. Achievement Medal. Most beautiful dahlia growing today	.75	TOPS (D.) A Giant Yellow. One of the largest; an exhibition dahlia that has won over all other yellows the past few seasons. A wonderful dahliaRooted Cuttings only	1.25
MONARCH OF THE EAST Bloom 11x5, bush 5 ft. A giant dahlia on sturdy tree-like bush. Has been grown as large as any. The color is light rich cadmium yellow with coral		VICTORY Bloom 10x6, bush 4½ ft. Rose pink suffused gold. Here is a real knockout for sheer beauty. Flowers keep well and stem and bush growth excellent. Probably the most beautiful pink Formal Decorative to date	.75
monmouth champion (D.) Flame Red, very large, won many prizes, we are glad to again offer this wonderful dahlia. Roots		VOLCANO (F. D.) Bloom 12x6, bush 4½ ft. Always we like to offer large, vigorous varieties such as this fine dahlia. Long, strong stems, holding these very large flowers at an angle of 45 degrees. Color, orange flame red; will not fade or burn.	.75
MRS. GEO. LE BOUTILLIER (I. D.) A fine new addition to the giant red class. Just naturally a big flower which has won many friends during the past season. Not only a grand exhibition flower but one you will be proud of in your		WHITE KING (D.) A wonderful white. Very large and deep, almost round, should be in every garden. Very satisfactory	.50
gardenRoot	.50	WHITE PRESIDENT (D.) A good, all-around white for any garden, a good grower, and free bloomer	.40
MRS. HESTER PAPE (1. D.) 10x5 in. Reddish purple. The fine big blooms are unfailingly produced on nice stems. The big bushes, 5 ft. high, are well branched. This has been a big winner in shows over the country.		WHITE SATAN (S. C.) A Wonderful White Large and a 6-foot grower. This is a very good one and should be grown in	.65
MRS. THOS. A. EDISON (I. D.) A brilliant-flashing velvety red to carmine bloom of 10 to 12 inches across and good depth. Strong straight stems and a husky grower		W. H. T. (F. D.) Rich old rose on begonia rose with shades on the reverse of petals. It is a tall, robust grower, producing big flowers on strong stems	.50
NEGUS (F. D.) Oxblood red to almost black in center. Plants extremely robust, long stems, insect resisting. Try it on our recommendation. Good size blooms, held erect	.75	YOUR LUCKY STAR (S. C.) The Dahlia beautiful. Color a blend of white, pink, and orchid, must be seen to be appreciated. Good grower. Long stems, fine root grower. Fine for cutting and basket work. Be sure to include this with your order. Do	7.5
OAKLEIGH MONARCH (D.) The red sensation. One of the finest reds growing. Very rugged, with fine stems. One of		not miss this one in your pastel shadesRooted Cuttings	.15
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America's Greatest Dahlia Sensation

HILL'S PINK SUPREME

Hill, 1939, I. D. Probably the finest introduction ever placed on the market by any grower for the florist and cut flower trade. Blooms run around eight inches, on the longest stems of any dahlia in cultivation today, bar none. The greatest dahlia since the advent of Jersey Beauty, a long time ago. Just as good a keeper when cut and stems very much longer. Very prolific with dark green insect-resistant foliage, stems starting from the bottom of the plant and running straight up three to five feet long with this fine, dark, pink dahlia looking you right in the face.

We are so much enthused with this wonderful new creation in a dahlia that we are willing to stake our entire reputation over a period of many years on this wonderful new creation. We desire to see this dahlia in every garden from coast to coast, therefore the following very low prices:

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DAHLIA CULTURE

Space will not permit us to go over every detail in regard to soil. The fellow that tries this is taking quite α thing on his hands. Grow Dahlias where you would grow a good garden, this is all we have to offer.

DAHLIA STORAGE—This seems to be the big elephant on the hands of most growers. We suggest as follows, read carefully. Dig today and store today, not tomorrow. Do not allow to wilt under no consideration. As you dig, do not break necks, trim off all suckers and cut off the stalk as close as possible. Every inch of stalk is an inch of trouble. Avoid stem rot in this manner, store in barrels or boxes or large metal containers you can find at most any city dump. Cover all roots with peat moss, saw-dust or other material but our best suggestion is this, use old newspapers; wad these up and pack in just as snug as possible using all you possibly can. If you are a Flower Grower Reader, check this in their November issue. NOTE—The more parafine paper you can use the better. Such as bread wrappers, etc. Pack plenty snugly on top of the container or better still use Vermiculite.

ROOTED CUTTINGS—Plant in pots as soon as received from us. Not heavy soil and use no fertilizer to burn the tender roots. Grow as long as you can in a cold frame to harden off the same as you would any plant, such as tomatoes, etc., that you would secure from the greenhouse.

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A NEW DAHLIA

HILL'S FLORIST'S DELIGHT—A new discovery in dahlias. A very large single dahlia, around 5 inches, with a yellow center, was a big sensation in our gardens and at the different show tables around the country. The price will be very low for a new variety. Roots, each .60

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR MANY CUSTOMERS

Having been retired as foreman in a local factory, I desire to advise our many customers from coast to coast, that in the future I shall devote all my time to the business of Hill Dahlia Nurseries and you can expect much better service. I hope to be at the office or greenhouse at all times to take care of our orders and serve any customers who care to call. To those who cannot call, write us your wants, and I shall do all in my power to please you.

Thanks for favors in the past.

-R. C. Hill.

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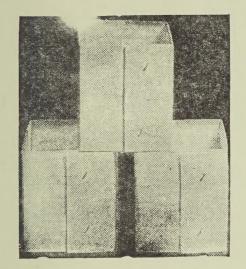
Mr. Flower Grower, Dahlia Grower, Nurseryman and Florist check in on the following rooted cuttings, which we will have in the Greenhouse for 1951 shipment, all prices prepaid by Insured Parcel Post.

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Indian Giant	.75
Jane Lausche	.65
Kelyin	.75
Kentucky (pink, sport of Jersey Beauty)	.35
Lidice	.50
Lois Walcher	.60
Maffie	.70
Michigan White	.40
Mrs. Hester Pape	.75
Ronnie Lee	.70
Silver Lady	.50
Skyrocket	1.00
Son of Satan	.50
The Cardinal	1.95
Tops	1.25
White Christmas	.75
Your Lucky Star	.75

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